

Gila County Superior Court

Announces the retirement of



Mary Hawkins

Gila County Superior Court Administrator

Following 36½ years of continuous service and dedication

Court Administrator Mary Hawkins has dedicated her working life to serving our community for more than 36.5 years. The Court recognizes her commitment and dedication to this community and her many achievements as head of the Gila County Superior Court Administration since January, 1987. She began working for Gila County in October 1976, working as a Stenographer for the Gila County Attorney Frank Tippet. She was then appointed as a Legal Secretary for the then Presiding Judge Barry DeRose, Superior Court Division I in 1980. In 1987 Presiding Judge Edd Dawson appointed Mary as Gila County Superior Court Administrator following Judge DeRose's retirement. The first Court Administrator Gila County had ever appointed, and she is one of the longest serving Court Administrators in the State of Arizona.

At the time of Mary's appointment as Court Administrator, Mary's service, her experience and proven dedication enabled her to ensure continued forward momentum and growth for the Court Administration Office. Court Administration began as a small, one person department, to where it is now, having grown to encompass many additional tasks and employing many more staff.

Mary Hawkins has been instrumental in bringing in additional grant money to foster the implementation of new programs. Additionally, Mary was a significant participant and partner in creating and maintaining the success of departments collaborating together.

Throughout her tenure, Mary has consistently focused on training her dedicated staff on new and effective methods to increase Court Administration's ability to improve results and to assist the public and the courts. The people of Gila County will miss Mary's unwavering commitment and dedication to service which she has demonstrated over her long and dedicated career.

Mary will celebrate her retirement on Friday, May 31, 2013, with a potluck, held at the Gila County Superior Court.